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JTNN Join Together Northern Nevada
Building Partnerships for a Healthy Community

April 2014 Newsletter

New Executive Director

JTNN is pleased to announce the hire of Jennifer DeLett-Snyder as the new Executive Director effective May 1. Jennifer has worked with JTNN for the past nine years and will use her knowledge and strong leadership abilities to move JTNN's mission forward to better serve Washoe County.

Rx Round Up

The next Prescription Drug Round Up will be held on Saturday, April 26 from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. Drop off your unwanted prescription drugs and/or sharps at any of the seven collection sites in Washoe County. Click [here](#) to view details and locations.



News and Resources

[Heroin Overdoses are a Public Health Crisis](#)

[Legalization Violations](#)

[Marijuana Use is Up](#)

[Parents Underestimate Their Children's Drug Use Risk](#)

[Treatment or Jail](#)

[Your Teens are Listening](#)

Executive Board Members

Diana Lee, *Chair*
Gerald Marczynski, *Vice Chair*
Vacant, *Secretary/Treasurer*

Darin Balaam

April is Alcohol Awareness Month



NCADD
ncadd.org

Each April since 1987, the National Council on Alcoholism and Drug Dependence, Inc. (NCADD) sponsors Alcohol Awareness Month to increase public awareness and understanding, reduce stigma, and encourage local communities to focus on alcoholism and alcohol-related issues. This April, NCADD highlights the important public health issue of underage drinking, a problem with devastating individual, family and community consequences.

This year's theme, "Help for Today, Hope for Tomorrow," is aimed at educating people about the treatment and prevention of alcoholism.

Alcohol use by young people is extremely dangerous-both to themselves and to society, and is directly associated with traffic fatalities, violence, suicide, educational failure, alcohol overdose, unsafe sex and other problem behaviors.

- Alcohol is the number one drug of choice for America's young people, and is more likely to kill young people than all illegal drugs combined.
- Each day, 7,000 kids in the United States under the age of 16 take their first drink.
- Those who begin drinking before age 15 are four times more likely to develop alcoholism than those who begin at age 21.

Adam Carlsen
Jacob Gilliam
Kate High
Judi Kosterman
Jeanne Marsh
Kim Mazeres, Past Chair
Laura Newman

Check out the JTNN
Calendar of Events [here](#).

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Seeking a Drug and Alcohol Evaluation?

The Northern Nevada Evaluation Center, an arm of JTNN, is a nonprofit certified, court-approved drug and alcohol evaluation center. The center is located next door to JTNN at 505 S. Arlington, Suite 108, and can provide evaluations within 24-48 hours of an inquiry. **Call 775-329-5006 for information.**

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- Underage alcohol use costs the nation an estimated \$62 billion annually.

Reducing underage drinking is critical to securing a healthy future for America's youth and requires a cooperative effort from parents, schools, community organizations, business leaders, government agencies, the entertainment industry, alcohol manufacturers/retailers and young people.

JTNN is a new SAM Affiliate

SAM, Smart Approaches to Marijuana, is an alliance of organizations and individuals dedicated to a health-first approach to marijuana policy. Founded by Patrick J. Kennedy and Kevin Sabet, SAM has four main goals:

- To inform public policy with the science of today's marijuana.
- To have honest conversations about reducing the unintended consequences of current marijuana policies, such as lifelong stigma due to arrest.
- To prevent the establishment of Big Marijuana that would market marijuana to children.
- To promote research of marijuana's medical properties and produce pharmacy-attainable medications.

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